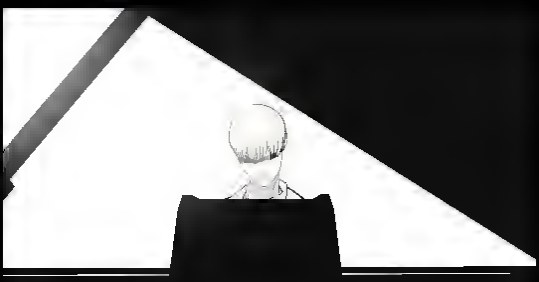

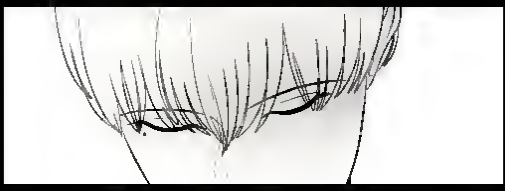

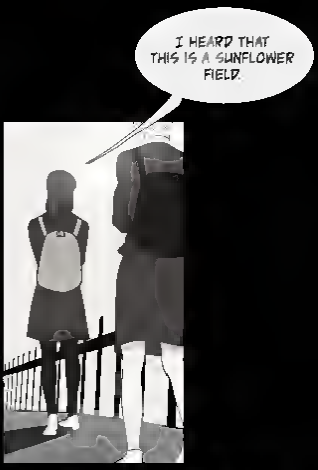
I HEARD THAT THIS IS A SUNFLOWER FIELD.
I BET WE COULD SEE IT TOGETHER LATER IN THE SUMMER, HUH?

THE MOMENT
I FACED THE PART
OF ME I'D BEEN
DENYING...

...THE WORLD...

...STARTED CHANGING FAST.

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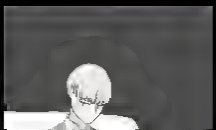
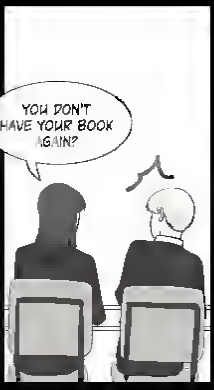
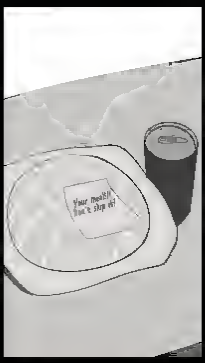
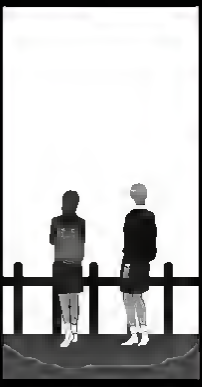


FROM THAT DAY ON, WE WERE ALWAYS TOGETHER





I LIKED.

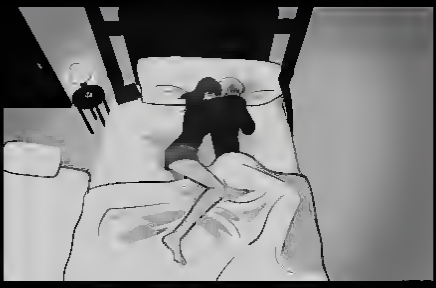


..HER KINDNESS, WHICH I THOUGHT I DIDN'T LIKE AT FIRST.

WE SHOULD GO TO SLEEP NOW.
SAY...
WHY ARE YOU THE ONLY ONE WHO GETS TO SLEEP ON THE BED?
CAN I SLEEP THERE TODAY AS WELL?
W-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...

STOP TALKING NONSENSE. AND G--

HUG-

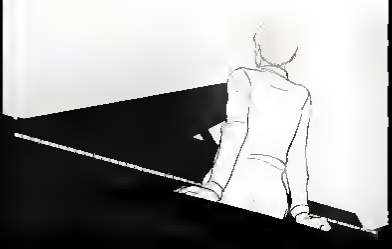


SOMETIMES...

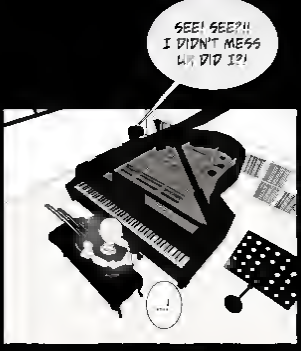
...WHEN SOMETHING SIMPLE WOULD STIMULATE MY BOTTLED-UP EMOTIONS TO ENGULF ME LIKE WAVES...

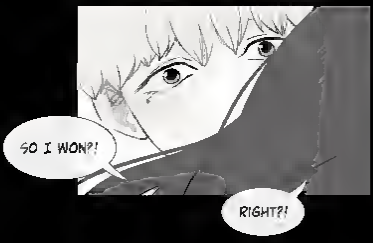
...I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO BUT AT THE SAME TIME...

...I LIKED THE FEELING SO MUCH...



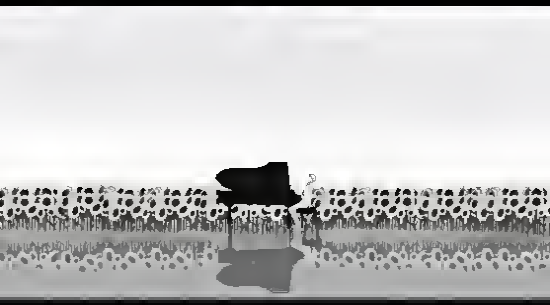
...THAT I WOULD SOAK MYSELF IN IT, AS IF I WAS QUENCHING MY THIRST





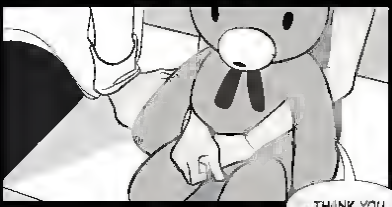
IN THE MIDST OF ALL THE EVERYDAY LITTLE THINGS ..

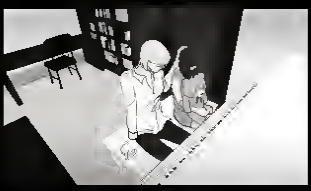
...WHEN MY ENTIRE BODY WOULD GET SOAKED IN THE ENORMOUS RISE OF EMOTIONS...



...EVERYTHING SEEMED BEAUTIFUL.

EVERYTHING SEEMED LOVELY





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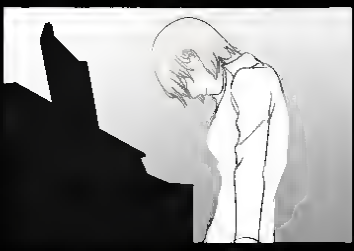
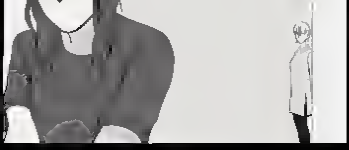


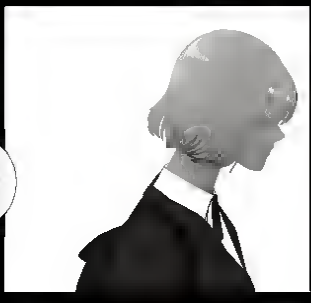
...WHEN THE
FEAR WOULD SINK IN,
LIKE THE LOW TIDE..

..IT WOULD
TORMENT ME..

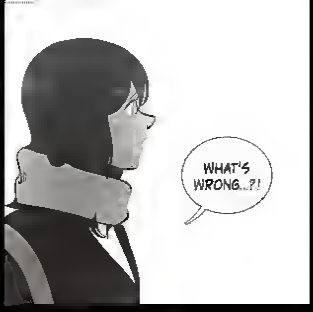


.. OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

AND I WOULD RUN AWAY



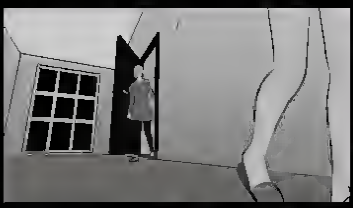
HEY~! JIN!!!

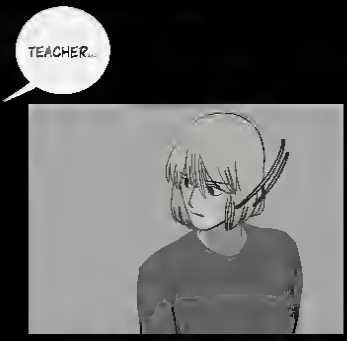

WHAT'S WRONG...?!

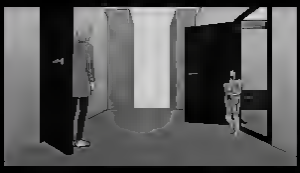
HEY!!!!! SEO JIN!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... YOU REALLY LEFT WITHOUT ME?
AND IN THE MIDDLE OF DOWNTOWN???
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU THESE DAYS? WHY DO YOU KEEP AVOIDING ME?
...IT'S NOT LIKE THAT...
ARE YOU KIDDING ME? WHAT DO YOU MEAN 'IT'S NOT LIKE THAT?
EVERYONE KEEPS ASKING ME IF WE HAD A FIGHT! WHAT'S WRONG?!

WHAT AM I EVEN SUPPOSED TO SAY?
SERIOUSLY, WHY ARE YOU BEING LIKE THIS AT HOME AND ALSO AT SCHOOL?
DO YOU REALIZE HOW MUCH OF A JERK YOU'RE BEING RIGHT NOW? YOU'RE BEING EVEN WORSE THAN BEFORE!
NO, I...
JUST CALL ME A BITCH IF I DID SOMETHING WRONG!
AT LEAST THEN I WOULD FEEL BETTER...!
.....

TAK





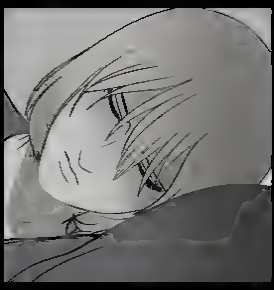


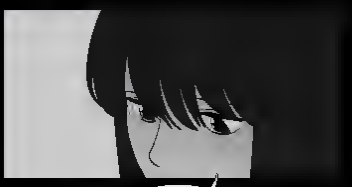
WHAT'S WRONG?
HM?

DID YOU HAVE A FIGHT WITH UNNIE?
NO...

YOU'RE LYING...

YOU CAN'T LIE WITH YOUR EYES. THAT'S WHAT MOM SAID.
SHE REALLY IS QUICK...
REALLY...IT'S NOT LIKE THAT...
UNNIE MUST'VE DONE SOMETHING WRONG, RIGHT?
NO, REALLY...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT, HEE-EUN. IT'S NOTHING IMPORTANT.
REALLY...?
YES, REALLY.
THEN...PLEASE STAY WITH ME UNTIL I FALL ASLEEP.
OKAY...



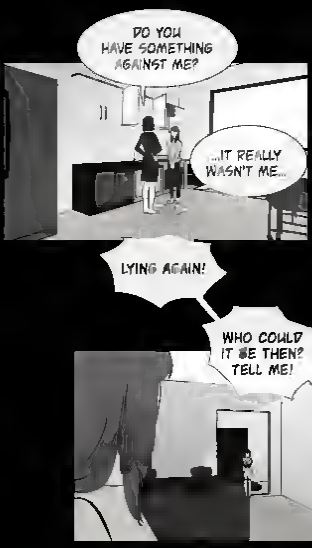

...LIAR.

THE NEXT DAY

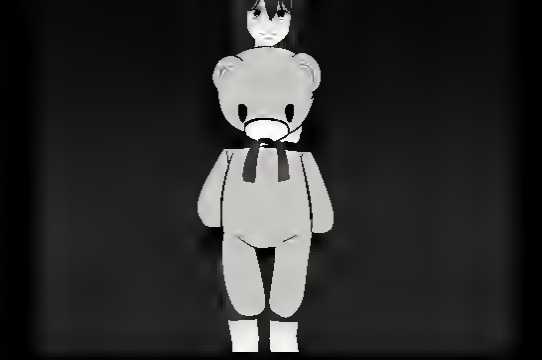
HOW DARE YOU LIE TO ME!

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO WENT OUT AT NIGHT.

WHO ELSE WOULD'VE DONE SOMETHING LIKE THIS?!


DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING AGAINST ME?
...IT REALLY WASN'T ME...
LYING AGAIN!
WHO COULD IT BE THEN? TELL ME!

SO NOW YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO LOOK AT ME PROPERLY? LOOK AT ME!



WHERE ARE YOU GOING AGAIN?
OUTSIDE.

WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO LEAVE AGAIN?
I FEEL LIKE IT.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO SLEEP?!
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS

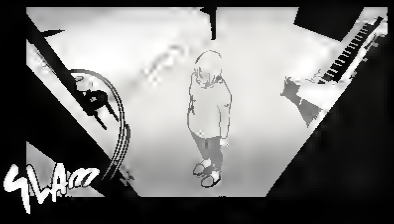
BUT...

BUT WHAT? YOU KEEP AVOIDING ME SO WHY CAN'T I DO THE SAME?
...IT'S NOT THAT...

THEN WHAT IS IT?
...!

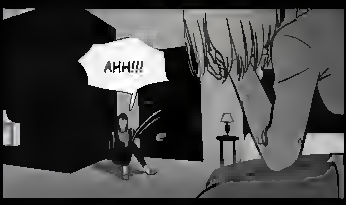
I THOUGHT SO

GOOD NIGHT


SLAM

POW

A WHILE LATER


AHH!!!

WHAT... WHY AREN'T YOU SLEEPING? IT'S ALREADY 4 O'CLOCK...
...I WAS THINKING ABOUT IT
ABOUT WHAT...?
IF IT WAS CERTAIN
...THAT IT WOULD REALLY HELP YOU UNDERSTAND IF I TOLD YOU THE REASON...
ARE YOU SERIOUS? OF COURSE IT WILL
...DO YOU MEAN THAT?
YES.

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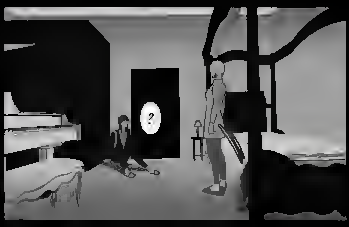
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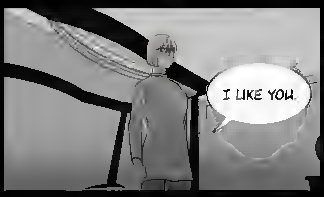
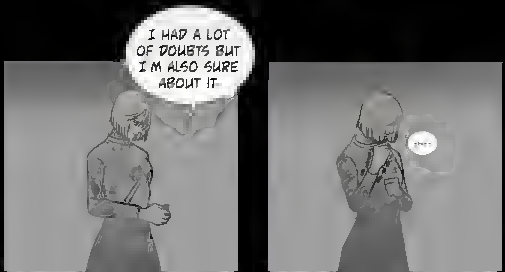

I LIKE YOU.

WHAT...?
I SAID
I LIKE YOU
I'VE BEEN
THINKING ABOUT
IT FOR QUITE A
WHILE NOW


I HAD A LOT
OF DOUBTS BUT
I'M ALSO SURE
ABOUT IT.
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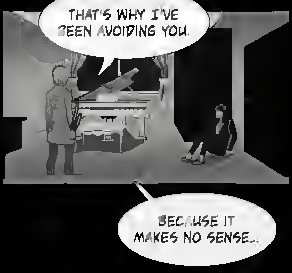
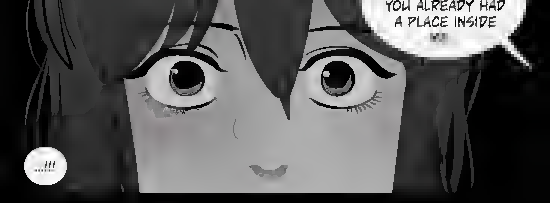
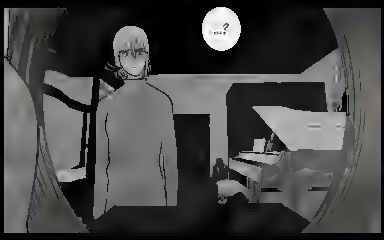

THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN AVOIDING YOU.
BECAUSE IT MAKES NO SENSE..

WE'RE NOT SISTERS BUT EVEN IF WE DO LIVE IN THE SAME HOUSE...I CAN'T BE LIKE THAT.

I WAS SCARED
THAT'S WHY.

I DIDN'T REALIZE IT BUT


YOU ALREADY HAD A PLACE INSIDE ME.
...!!!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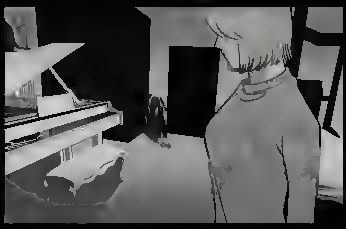
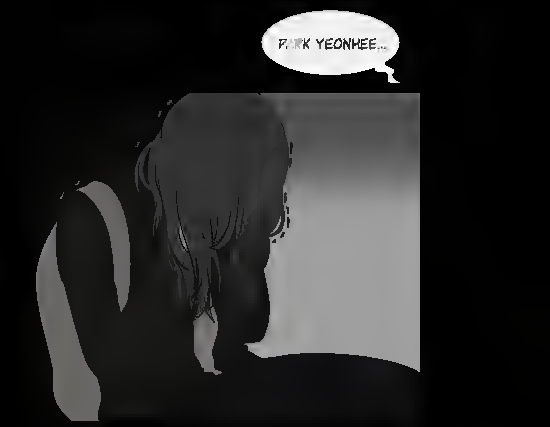
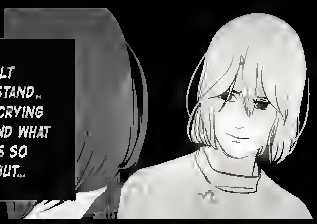



PARK YEONHEE...

IT WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, RIGHT BEFORE GRADUATION

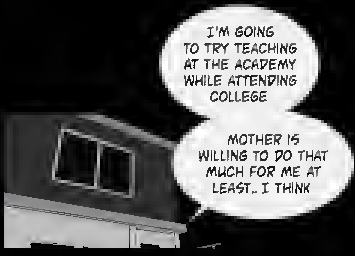
YEONHEE CRIED FOR A LONG TIME AFTER HEARING WHAT I SAID...

...AND SHE KEPT SAYING THANK YOU.



IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND.. WHY SHE STARTED CRYING ALL OF A SUDDEN AND WHAT EXACTLY SHE WAS SO THANKFUL FOR, BUT..

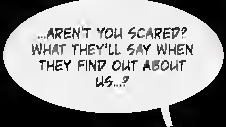
...THAT'S HOW WE FOUND OUT ABOUT EACH OTHER'S FEELINGS


I'M GOING TO TRY TEACHING AT THE ACADEMY WHILE ATTENDING COLLEGE
MOTHER IS WILLING TO DO THAT MUCH FOR ME AT LEAST.. I THINK

RIGHT...
HUH... WHAT'S WRONG? WORRIED AGAIN?

YEAH...
ARE YOU SCARED THAT PEOPLE WILL FIND OUT?

WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE CONFIDENCE YOU HAD WHEN YOU CONFESSED TO ME? WIMP...
HMM...


...AREN'T YOU SCARED? WHAT THEY'LL SAY WHEN THEY FIND OUT ABOUT US...?

WELL, OF COURSE IT WILL BE A HUGE DEAL.
WHICH IS FUNNY, CONSIDERING HOW THEY ARE.

HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM ABOUT IT?
BECAUSE I TRUST YOU

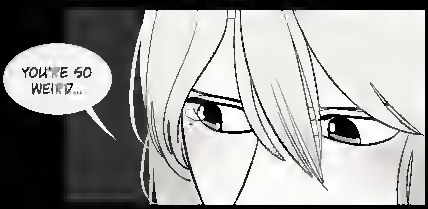
I TRUST YOU TOO, BUT...
I KNOW.

BUT JIN...THE THINGS YOU'RE WORRYING ABOUT HAVEN'T EVEN HAPPENED YET.
COULDN'T WE MAYBE TAKE IT A LITTLE EASIER?

I WILL NEVER NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES LEAVE YOUR SIDE

SO DON'T BE SO SCARED

EVEN IF IT'S DIFFICULT KEEPING IT A SECRET IT SHOULD BE FINE AS LONG AS WE CAN BE HAPPY TOGETHER



WHY ARE YOU SAYING THAT AGAIN? EVERY TIME I'M NICE TO YOU, YOU SAY IT'S WEIRD.
BUT...

STOP CRYING.. YOU'RE UGLY WHEN YOU CRY!
Kiss

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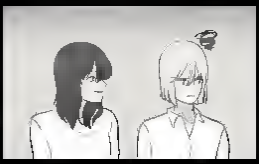
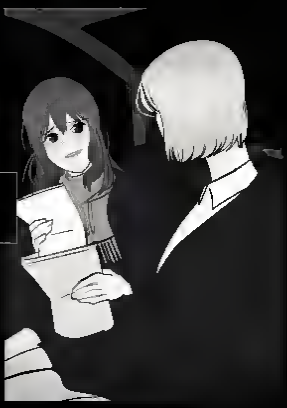


GEEZ!

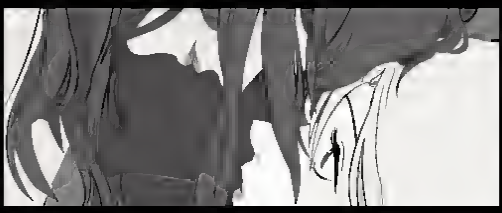
UNCONDITIONAL LOVE



WE WERE NERVOUS EVERY DAY...

...BUT WE WERE HAPPY AND RELIEVED TO HAVE EACH OTHER

AND I PRAYED EVERY SINGLE DAY FOR OUR HAPPINESS TO LAST FOREVER



I LOVE YOU...
I LOVE YOU
SO MUCH.

I WOULD REALLY DIE IF I DIDN'T HAVE YOU.
DON'T SAY THAT.

YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT LIVING ON AND BEING HAPPY...WHY WOULD YOU SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT~?
BUT I REALLY MEAN IT...

YOU SHOULD TRY TO BE HAPPY EVEN IF I'M NOT HERE WITH YOU DUMMY
DON'T YOU LOVE ME? WHY ARE YOU SAYING THAT?

OF COURSE I LOVE YOU! I'M SAYING IT BECAUSE I LIKE YOU SO- MUCH!
UHH...

PLUS I'M NOT PLANNING ON LETTING YOU GO EITHER!
...REALLY?
YUP! OF COURSE!

...THANK YOU.... OH, YOU SHOULD PUT YOUR CLOTHES BACK ON IF YOU'RE GOING TO SLEEP.
OH, RIGHT...

KYAHHHH!!

W-WHAT IS IT?! WHAT'S WRONG?
SPRING

WHY...
WHY IS THIS HERE...?

THAT'S THE TEDDY BEAR I GOT FOR HEE-EUN
THIS IS...
RIP...

...HEE-EUN.

HEE-EUN, THIS...
AH, SO THAT'S WHERE IT WAS. I WAS LOOKING FOR IT.
WHAT?

THE COTTON INSIDE IT CAME OUT SO...
I CUT THE HEAD OFF TO PUT MORE COTTON IN BUT I FELL ASLEEP
THEN WHY IS IT HERE?!
I WONDER WHY...
WHAT?
I'M CURIOUS ABOUT THAT AS WELL

WHY...
...WOULD IT BE HERE?

IT'S PROBABLY NOT A BIG DEAL
SIGH...
HOW IS THIS NOT A BIG DEAL...?
SHE WAS LYING JUST NOW. SHE PUT IT HERE ON PURPOSE.

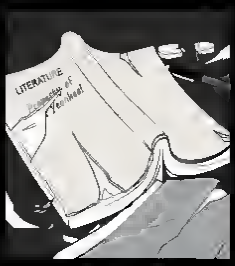
NO WAY...
BUT THERE'S NO REASON FOR HEE-EUN TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
YOU DON'T THINK... THAT HEE-EUN IS JEALOUS OF OUR RELATIONSHIP, DO YOU?
WHAT? THERE'S NO WAY...
YOU KNOW, SHE LIKES YOU A LOT...

AND THAT TEDDY BEAR SHE USED TO CARRY IT AROUND EVERYWHERE BECAUSE SHE LIKED IT SO MUCH

EHH...NO, IT CAN'T BE.

I DIDN'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO IT

BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW BECAUSE I WASN'T INTERESTED.



STRANGE THINGS KEPT HAPPENING...

...BUT I JUST THOUGHT THEY WERE A LITTLE CHILD'S TRICKS

YOU MUST BE OUT OF YOUR MIND... SAYING THAT HEE-EUN DID THIS
WHY WOULD SUCH A NICE CHILD LIKE HEE-EUN DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
YOU REALLY ARE GETTING WORSE BY THE DAY

I SHOULD'VE KNOWN...

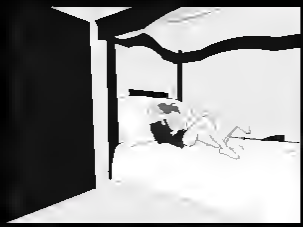
BUT...

...EVEN BEFORE

IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE WOULD GO STUDY ABROAD TOGETHER...

...AND BECAUSE SOMETHING SO UNEXPECTED HAD HAPPENED...

...WE STAYED UP ALL NIGHT IN DELIGHT.



REMEMBER?

WHAT?

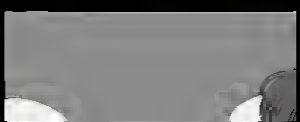
OUR FIRST TIME HERE

OF COURSE... HOW COULD I FORGET...

LET'S MAKE THIS ANOTHER DAY WE WON'T FORGET.

OUR LAST NIGHT HERE.

WE'LL BE SO HAPPY JUST THE TWO OF US AND NO ONE ELSE.



YEAH...
IT'S GOING TO BE GREAT.

I WANT TO EXPERIENCE SO MANY THINGS THERE TOGETHER WITH YOU.
I'M GOING TO BE SO HAPPY...

REALLY...?

YEAH. EVER SINCE I MET YOU, I'VE NEVER BEEN UNHAPPY
I LOVE

YOU SO MUCH, JIN.
MEETING YOU WAS THE BEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO ME.
READY?
YEAH.
LET'S HURRY UP AND LEAVE. WE CAN SLEEP ON THE PLANE.
OKAY. JUST A SECOND.

ALL DONE~!

LET'S GO!

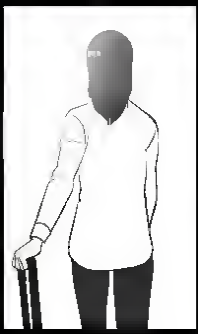
JOONIL ALREADY LEFT BECAUSE HE HAD SOMETHINGTO DO

YES. I HEARD I SAID GOODBYE YESTERDAY

RIGHT... CALL US WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE AIRPORT.

GOOD-BYE..

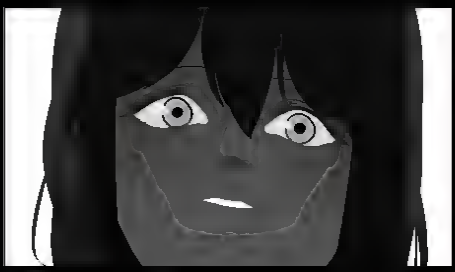
YES. TAKE CARE.



UNNIE...

WHEN WILL YOU COME BACK...?
PROBABLY... IN TWO YEARS?

I SEE...
BYE, UNNIE.
YEAH...OKAY
UNNIE...
HM?



DON'T COME BACK.

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to be continued...